(c) These clusters are to be removed. However, the New Delhi Municipal Council has informed that residential accommodation will be provided to the slum dwellers before the clusters are removed.

Repair of bridge-on pilgrims yatra route to Amarnath

2418. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bridge on yatra route of the holy Amarnath cave in the Pahalgam area of Anantnag district in South Kashmir was blown up by militants;

(b) whether the same has since been repaired/reconstructed to facilitate pilgrims' yatra; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be reconstructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the available reports, on May 24,2005, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast took place under the bridge at Sadoopadaw, Police Station Pahalgam, Anantnag (Jammu and Kashmir) and due to this blast an iron bridge on Lidder river got damaged. The bridge was, however, repaired within seven days.

Assistance for flood affected areas

2419. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of compensation and assistance so far provided to flood affected areas in the country during last three months; and

(b) the details of the various places in the country which did not get this help from Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the existing scheme of financing Relief Expenditure, the State Governments concerned are responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities, including floods, out of the corpus of the

Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic-support, wherever necessary. In case the calamity is of a severe nature and the funds available in the State's CRF account are not sufficient to deal with the instant calamity, additional assistance is provided to the States out of the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid down procedure.

A Statement showing the released of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the various States since May 2005, which have reported damage in varying degrees due to heavy rains/floods during South West Monsoon-2005, is annexed. *(See* below).

The distribution of relief on the ground at various places affected by natural calamities including floods is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The State Government concerned undertakes necessary rescue and relief operations including evacuation and shifting of the people to the safer places, setting up of a relief camps, providing gratitude relief, distribution of essential commodities, provision of safe drinking water, out of the funds available in the State's CRF account.

Statement

Financial Assistance released from CRF/NCCF to the States affected by floods during the South-West Monsoon 2005

(Rs. in crore) (As on 11.8.2005)

SI.	Name of the State	Financial assistance released from		Total
		NCCF	CRF (75%central share)	
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	10.62	10.62
2.	Andhra Pradesh	—	129.03	129.03
3.	Assam	—	0	
4.	Bihar	—	@	
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	0	
6.	Haryana	—	0	
7.	Himacnal Pradesh	100.00*	75.52	175.52
8.	Gujarat	500.00*	92.25	592.25
9.	Goa	—	@	
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	9.49#	32.42	41.91

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Karnataka	57.00'	86.00	143.00
12.	Kerala	—	32.07	32.07
13.	Maharashtra	103.07" 916.41*	167.18	1186.66
14.	Madhya Pradesh	—	95.34	95.34
15.	Meghalaya	—	0	
16.	Nagaland	—	1.44	1.44
17.	Often	—	113.08	113.08
18.	Punjab	—	54.76	54.76
19.	Rajasthan	—	155.87	155.87
20.	Sikkim	—	6.58	6.58
21.	Tamil Nadu	—	@	
22.	Utter Pradesh	—	@	
23.	Uttaranchal	—	35.51	35.51
24.	West Bengal	—	@	
	TOTAL:	1685.97	1087.67	2773.64

* Ad-hoc release for floods

** Released for Drought/Hailstorm after approval by High Level Committee.

Released for heavy snow/avalanches.

@ 1" instalment of Centre's share of CRF for the year of 2005-06 has not been released for want of information relating to crediting of earlier released funds, utilisation certificate.

Providing CSF with modern equipments

2420.SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to equip Central Security Forces with modern equipments and force multipliers;

(b) whether the resource organizations meant for Defence Forces like ordnance factories, defence PSUs and DRDO also provide required support for the modernization of paramilitary forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government consider it necessary to expand the mandate of such defence organizations to support the requirements of paramilitary forces?